

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  
PCT/JP2005/001771INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE  
February 7, 2005PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED  
February 6, 2004TITLE OF INVENTION  
SNOW-BLOWERAPPLICANT FOR DO/EO/US  
Teruyoshi UMEMURA

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

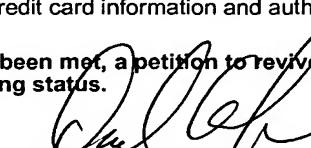
1.  This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2.  This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3.  This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4.  The US has been elected (Article 31).
5.  A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a.  is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b.  has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c.  is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6.  An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a.  is attached hereto.
  - b.  has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
  - c.  The International Application was filed in English.
7.  Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a.  are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b.  have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c.  have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d.  have not been made and will not be made.
8.  An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9.  An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10.  An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

## Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11.  An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12.  An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13.  A preliminary amendment.
14.  An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15.  A substitute specification.
16.  A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17.  A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
18.  A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19.  A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20.  Other items or information: a copy of the International Search Report is attached hereto.

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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) New U.S. National Phase of PCT/JP2005/001771 <b>181970-5918</b>	INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2005/001771	ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 127876			
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:		<b>CALCULATIONS</b> <b>PTO USE ONLY</b>			
<b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a)):</b> ..... \$ 300.00		\$300.00			
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International preliminary examination report or written opinion prepared by the USPTO as IPEA or ISA and favorable as to novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability for all claims presented in the application entering the national phase ..... \$ 0.00					
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Date <u>July 13, 2006</u>					NAME: Daniel A. Tanner, III REGISTRATION NUMBER: 54,734

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Attn: PCT Branch

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**TRANSMITTAL OF TRANSLATION OF THE  
AMENDMENTS UNDER PCT ARTICLE 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Attached hereto is a translation of the amendments under Article 19. The attached translated material replaces the claims in their entirety.

Respectfully submitted,  


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